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WATCHING THE WATERS

August 2016

Invest in Clean Water



Dennis Scheer

Boone Lake activity has definitely increased in 2016. With new and improved public and marina ramps, more people are enjoying boating, skiing, fishing, etc. Lake property owners continue to develop creative projects to provide lake access as well as protection of the shoreline. It has not taken long for many people to make the best of a tough situation.

One thing has not changed. Litter and debris continues to flow into Boone Lake from the roadways, through the tributaries and streams. Litter is a community-wide problem. Much improvement has been made in the 30+ years since Boone Lake Association was formed to address the problem; however, the problem is not going away. Many concerned citizens, businesses, and governmental agencies have joined in the effort. More is required.

Tennessee and others have used the message "Love the land. Lose the litter." I would add "Love the land and the water. Lose the litter." It is difficult to comprehend why we have such a litter problem when we all have to live on the land and drink the water.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. If you are a member, please consider increasing your participation either with money or your time. Everyone, please spread the word and encourage others to participate. It is an investment that we cannot afford not to make.

Thank you for your support of Boone Lake Association,

Dennis Scheer, President 2016

"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children."
~ Ancient American Indian Proverb

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*Not present

**ON OUR COVER – Cover photo courtesy of BLA member Kevin Beckett.
Sunset on Boone Lake taken from the Beckett's home on Oak Grove.**

Lake Operations



Ron Siegfried

The Lake Operations Committee (Frank Young; Jerry Frank; Denny Devereaux and Ron Siegfried) and our great crew (Aaron Warren; Keith Britt; David Whitaker) met on numerous occasions in 2015 and 2016 to set schedules and discuss various strategies on cleaning Boone Lake in its current condition. We have to remember, litter does not take a holiday!

Boone Lake is fed by over 600 tributaries, each continuously feeding trash and logs throughout the year. Heavy rains mean more trash and logs. In past spring, summer and fall months, our crew has been able to tow large logs into one of our retention sites. During the winter months, after the lake level was dropped, our crew would cut and burn all the accumulated wood in each site. We did not have that luxury in 2015 nor 2016. Our crew has to tie up the logs along the bank out of harm's way to the boaters. We have to cut and burn these logs in late 2015 and into 2016.

With the lake down to record levels, much of our lake at each end is now just river with rapids, and with this phenomena, the lake has developed two recurring trash slicks. On the Watauga side, we have one at the mouth of the cove leading into Sonny's Marina. On the South Holston side, we have one near the Rainbow Bridge. In both cases, they form where the cold river water meets the warmer lake water, a thermal effect. These two areas have to be cleaned every two weeks.

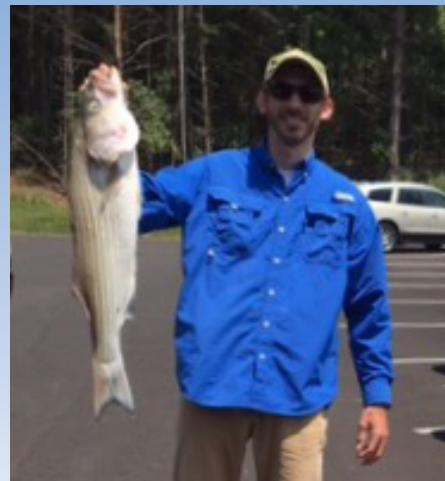
Our goal for 2016 is to clean all shorelines and exposed banks of Boone Lake. The crew has picked record quantities of trash. On the Watauga side, we have a trash receptacle at the Pickens Bridge ramp to dispose of this trash. Johnson City has graciously given us this receptacle year round. On the South Holston side, Sullivan County Mayor, Richard Venable, gave us a trash receptacle for two months. It was placed at Davis Marina. Picking up trash is one phase, disposing of it is another phase.

We sincerely want to thank Johnson City, Sullivan County (Mayor Venable), the Boone Lake Marina and Davis Marina for helping in disposing of the trash. These are great partnerships in keeping Boone Lake clean.

In all, 2015 was a great year for cleaning Boone Lake. We picked up trash that has been covered for many, many years. This effort is continuing throughout 2016. A special thanks to our great crew!



Fishing on Boone Lake



A picture is worth a thousand words!
9.5 lbs 31.5" Striper caught Tuesday, August 2nd.



BOONE LAKE CLEANUP DAY 2016



Frank Young

Saturday, April 30, 2016: Another successful Boone Lake Clean Up!!! This event marked the 17th consecutive year that the local community has come together to collect "TRASH FOR CASH". The water level was down but with every storm, trash continues to collect and is flushed into the lake. We truly appreciate the dedicated citizens who work every year to fight this continuing nuisance. Again, the event concluded with a picnic at the Winged Deer Park's Pavilion.

As everyone knows, it takes a lot of effort from many people to make this a successful event. The funding is provided by \$1,000.00 donations from "Major Sponsors": Republic Services, Severn Trent Services, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services, City of Johnson City, Holston Distributing, Johnson City Power Board, Mountain States Health Alliance, Mulligan Flooring, Tennessee Valley Authority and Washington County Tennessee. Equivalent "In Kind" service is provided by Advanced Disposal Services, Cumulus Media, Johnson City Parks and Recreation, Food City, Sullivan County Litter Pickup, Washington County Sheriff Department and Boone Lake Association. We are indebted to these organizations for their sense of community service.

Trash collection sites included: Boone Lake Marina, Davis Marina, Lakeview Marina, Rockingham Marina, Jay's Dock, Sonny's Marina, the Bluff City Ramp and the TWRA/11E Ramp.

2016 Clean Up estimated trash collection based on captain reports and physical accounting was as follows:

- a. 303 tires weighed at about 4 tons (570 tires in 2015)
- b. 19 blocks of Styrofoam at 0.1 ton (76 blocks at 0.5 ton in 2015)
- c. 66 pieces of wood at 0.5 ton (125 pieces at 1 ton in 2015)
- d. 482 bags of trash (50# each) at 12.1 tons (440 bags at 11 tons in 2015)
- e. Miscellaneous at 0.3 tons: TV, picnic table, recliner chair, small outboard motor and a large rug.

The weather was again ominous but the rain held off and about 187 volunteers joined together following the clean up for our picnic in the park. And as in previous years, many attendees went home a bit richer for the experience and the cash prizes!!! There were 262 arm bands issued to the participants. (could have attended the picnic). About 17 tons of tires and other debris were removed during this event. Thank You to all the volunteer work.





Boone Lake Cleanup Veterans



Thousands of people have volunteered at our Annual Cleanups over the years. We have had 17 Annual Cleanups organized by Boone Lake Association. There were at least two cleanups prior to that; one in 1987 and one in 1991. And some folks have participated in almost all of them.

Bobby and Sylvia Rotenberry have helped collect litter in 16 of our Annual Cleanups as well as the two previous ones. They missed the 2002 Cleanup due to an out of state death in the family. The Rotenberry's are definitely committed to a clean Boone Lake. And they still have the t-shirts to document their participation.

Boone Lake Cleanups have changed over the years to be more efficient and effective. The need is not as severe as the earlier cleanups; however, the basic problem does not go away. Bobby commented that in the first cleanups, one could fill a trash bag without taking a step in some areas. Yet even today after over seventeen years, the Annual Cleanup collects tons of trash and debris.



Volunteers hauled in loads of trash at the cove at Sonny's Marina.



Even the family dogs came out to help with clean up...



Lenny and Sandi Peterson and Martha Podren (all from TVA) join Val Kosmider and Tom McKee at Rockingham.

Shoreline Improvements



Dennis Scheer

With the drawdown of Boone Lake, many property owners are undertaking improvements to the shoreline. Some are addressing serious erosion problems. Others are creating lake access with roads, paths, floating docks, etc. for the period of the drawdown. Projects include cleaning debris and stabilizing the shoreline with rip-rap and plantings. **If you have made shoreline improvements or have found a creative use of your extended shoreline, please send us your before and after photos and tell us about your project.** We will be featuring your projects in our next Shoreliner.

Following are examples of two projects that tackled erosion problems on the lake:

Chris Hansen on Lakepoint Dr.:



Before bank stabilization work



Before work (This is where the 1890's CCC RR bed crossed the river)



After dirt work and seawall extension



Preparation for seeding

Craig Goodman on Kate St.:



Before restoration of shoreline



After shoreline restoration



TVA-TWRA seeding

WATER QUALITY

Boone Lake Association

Water Quality Testing

Part of the mission statement for The Boone Lake Association is “to bring people together who enjoy and care about Boone Lake with the common goal of protecting the cleanliness and water quality of the Lake”.

To that end, The Boone Lake Association has assembled a team whose responsibility it is to monitor and test, on a regular basis, the water quality of Boone Lake. We are pleased to report that this testing has shown the overall quality of water in the Lake is good, and has remained so even with the substantial drawdown created by the issues associated with the Boone Lake Dam Repair Project.

The Boone Lake Water Quality Assessment Team regularly tests six locations in the Lake, and has on occasion been brought in to examine special situations where water quality might have been challenged. For example, the team did extensive sampling and testing in Bluff City when a portion of that community’s sewage treatment plant failed and sewage was overflowing toward the Lake. We have also investigated a couple of areas where streams dumping into the Lake have shown high, but not dangerous, levels of e-coli attributed to storm run-off from farming operations adjacent to the Lake.

Regular testing normally consists of returning to the exact GPS locations on both the Watauga and Holston sides of the Lake. Air temperature, water temperature, Dissolved Oxygen (important for fish health), Ph and E-Coli samples are collected and processed at the Johnson City Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory. The results are examined and compared with previous data to determine “outlying” issues and trends affecting Boone Lake water quality.

While the entire process is time consuming, we believe it to be an important component of the Boone Lake Association’s Mission, and communicates to the public that the Lake is safe for swimming, boating, fishing and other recreational activities which make it a wonderful local resource.



Boone Lake Association Needs You

We have asked some of our Board members to comment on why they feel that the BLA is important and why they have decided to serve on the Board. The past couple years have been difficult for all of us. Several long standing board members have had to resign due to age/health. Our requests in previous Shoreliners, on our website, and on our Facebook page have met with minimum success, and even personal contact has not yielded great results.

We know that everyone is busy, but many hands make light work. We need more hands!!!

Following are a couple notes from current Board members. Ron is a past Board President and currently managing Lake Operations, Zenda is currently 1st VP, and Larry and Ann are Board Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

To: Boone Lake Association Members

Recently I was reading "The Upper Room 2016" and came across an article titled "A Great Gift". I have included it in this letter.

Article:

Out for a walk the other day, I came across an area full of beautiful trees. As I continued on my walk I suddenly noticed trash strewn about that ruined the panorama. It seemed to make everything appear a mess and reminded me of a line from a song called "Por la Vida" by Marcos Vidal: "We have made ours what in the beginning was a loan."

Quite often I say that to be a Christian means to pray, repent, and have a close relationship with God. Certainly this is true, but sometimes we fail to talk about caring for God's creation. It is a temporary gift, a loan, of such importance that we must daily remember it-remember the One who offered it to us in the first place.

God created this beautiful earth with boundless dedication and love and then **entrusted** it to us. Rather than squander this gift, we can resolve to care for, nurture and cherish it.

Prayer: Creator God, help us to dedicate ourselves to the task of caring for and preserving your Creation. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

I feel this article says it all. WE all experience these feeling when we see our lake and roads trashed with litter. I have always called this region "Paradise" and that is from a "New York Yankee". I moved here over 40 years ago and fell in love with it!

Please continue to support your Boone Lake Association. We are doing God's work!

Ron Siegfried

My Boone Lake Story

The unfortunate circumstances surrounding Boone Dam has given me time to reflect on how much our beloved waters mean to me and to think back to my first days on Boone Lake as a young girl. Long before my Father purchased 4F-154, I remember many long Summer days catching large grasshoppers on a bank beside the waters at Lakeview Marina. My Dad and Papaw (grandfather for non-Appalachian natives) would use the bugs as bait just about as fast as I would catch them. A few years later, my Dad bought a houseboat and christened her "Miss Zenda". We spent every summer weekend on that thing. As a teenager, I used to wish the houseboat would burn. Just how stupid is that?? Back then, it was on private property, but not our property, for several decades. Then in 2008, it was time to find a permanent home for the old girl. I bought land near marker 12 and moved her. It took five long, hot August hours to move her from marker 14 to marker 12!! One would think that it would be close to go from 14 to 12. But what you may not know is that the Markers start with One at Boone dam and go up the Holston River to the last marker at Twelve. Marker Thirteen is tucked in a cove on the way back to the dam. Marker Fourteen is almost back to the dam across from Marker Two and is the first marker to start up the Watauga River side of Boone Lake. And that is why it took five hours to haul the houseboat from Marker Fourteen to Twelve!

My family has three generations raised on Boone Lake with my parents/grandparents being fourth/fifth generations if the statistic is to count the number of generations in a family that have spent quality family time on Boone Lake! There is no place I would rather be on Earth than Boone Lake – whether it's at Full Pool or Kiddie Pool!!

Zenda Nichols

Boone Beautiful

We moved to Tennessee in April 2012 from Pennsylvania and bought our home on Boone Lake in Piney Flats. Shortly after moving in we received information in the mail about the Boone Lake Association. Not wanting to join an organization we knew little about we decided to attend a Board meeting. The hook was set!!!

We knew the lake added value to our property and we were and remain committed to helping it remain an asset to the local community we have come to love! Needless to say, with the unexpected drawdown and the news that the lake would remain down for several years for Boone Dam repairs, we were disappointed. We also remained committed to being a part of the continuing effort to keep Boone Lake beautiful. We've seen pictures of the horrendous condition of Boone Lake in the early 80's and no one would ever want those conditions to return!! That is why we joined and continue to support the Boone Lake Association and ask that you remain committed also...now more than ever!!!

Our dedicated crew of three works tirelessly to remove debris that continues to find its way into the lake. Additionally, they have willingly helped homeowners move logs, tires or other large debris from their shorelines. The BLA Board is determined that we will weather the storm and when the lake returns to normal levels, it will be better than ever!! We encourage each of you to get involved. The Association not only needs your financial support by renewing your membership, but we also need you to volunteer to serve on the Board. Board members volunteer their time to do water quality testing, maintain the website and Facebook page, write and edit the Shoreliner, supervise Lake Operations, organize the annual April clean up and whatever other projects we dream up!!! We need you to talk to your neighbors, ask if they are members, and if not, encourage them to join our efforts to Keep Boone Beautiful.

Larry and Ann Larson

2016 Supporter List

THANKS TO **ALL** OUR MEMBERS



Independent Sports Catering

Boone Lake Marina



Davis Marina



Jay's Dock



Lakeview Marina

Rockingham Marina

Rockingham Marina



Sonny's Marina



Serenity Cove

Dues that were received and posted between January 1, 2016 and July 31, 2016

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Bill Greene and Linda Latimer
Mike & Debbie Quillen
Jon & Holly Sanders
Mike Thomas

PARTNERS \$250+

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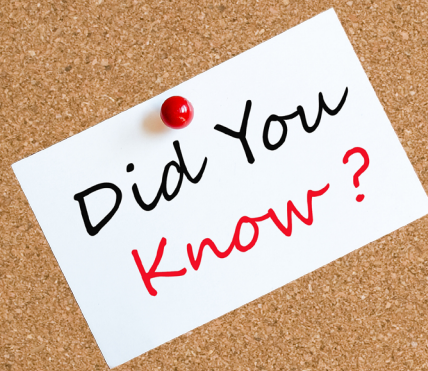
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TVA has a website dedicated to information concerning the Boone Dam Project.

Log onto <https://tva.com/Newsroom/Boone-Dam-Project>.

TVA publishes weekly project updates. You can receive weekly project updates by email. Just sign up on the Boone Dam Project webpage.

You can follow TVA's Boone Dam twitter feed at
<https://twitter.com/boonerepair>

TVA has published a brochure "Boone Exposed Lakebed: An Owners Guide". It answers questions about what you can and can't do on the exposed lakebed. Your BLA Board asked the Project team if they could provide this information...and they did...a comprehensive brochure is available to download off the TVA website. We are sure it will answer most, if not all, of your questions. To download, log onto <https://tva.com/Newsroom/Boone-Dam-Project> and in the gray box on the right hand side, click on the link to Boone Exposed Lakebed. The information provided at that link is thorough and well organized. We would like to thank the folks at TVA for their support in providing this information.

TVA is working two shifts, 24 hours a day, Monday –Friday and often on Saturday, drilling and grouting the earthen embankment. Approximately 150 people are working at the site.



THE BLA WANTS YOU!

Ann Larson

Boone Lake needs your help!!!

We need you to join or renew your membership in the Boone Lake Association now!!! At this time last year we had almost 500 new or renewed memberships. So far this year we have less than 300! Your membership dollars help us keep our 3 crew members on the lake removing trash from the lake and shoreline, pays necessary insurance coverages, boat maintenance and repair costs, and printing and mailing the Shoreliner. If you are currently a member but have not received a renewal notice please contact us at (423) 956-6615 and leave a message or complete and return the form on the back page of this Shoreliner.

We need you to volunteer to serve on the board as an officer or member at large, or on one of our committees. Our board is all volunteers. There are 5 elected board members; members-at-large supervise Lake Operations, maintain the website and Facebook page, put the Shoreliner together, track and maintain accurate membership records, and promote the organization through public relations efforts. Your involvement will help all of us enjoy the beauty of Boone Lake now and in the future; and it will be in good shape when the dam is repaired and the lake returns to full pool.

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Membership January 1 – December 31, 2016

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